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## GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

I hope our newsletter finds you well.

HUGE thanks to our awesome Neighborhood Council leaders who came to our town hall last Saturday. We learned a lot and received great ideas on how to improve the Neighborhood Council system and our services. I'm so appreciative of the time folks took to work with us on this. We're compiling the information into a survey that will go out to all Neighborhood Councils so everyone gets a chance to provide feedback.

Congratulations to our staffer, Betty Wong-Oyama, who graduated from the Los Angeles Fire Department's awesome Leadership Academy this week! We're very proud to have sent a staffer to almost every single class they've offered the past several years. It's a 4 week intensive course set over 4 months, and the LAFD offers it for free! Many thanks to the LAFD for creating a culture of outstanding leadership in the City and to Betty for taking on the many hours of reading and writing to graduate into a more enlightened leader!



Thanks to our Councils for Councils mentors, Terrence Gomes and Jay Handal, Deputy City Attorney Carmen Hawkins and staffer Tom Soong, we'll be offering a live board orientation, funding and ethics training in South Los Angeles next Saturday, August 8th, from 10 am to 12 pm. Check out our [EmpowerLA Calendar](#) for more details. Don't worry, you'll have time to take the training and still go to [Venice Neighborhood Council's famous BBQ](#), which runs from 12 pm to 4 pm the same day.

Just a quick reminder that we have some deadlines today and tomorrow. The [Budget Survey](#) closes today, and the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners [EmpowerLA Awards](#) submission deadline is tomorrow. Also, the Commission's regular meeting next week has been changed to a [special meeting](#) on Thursday, August 6th, in Los Feliz.

If I don't see you at the LANCC meeting tomorrow, have a super weekend!

Best,

Grayce Liu,  
General Manager  
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (aka) EmpowerLA



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## Team Updates



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## Mayor's Message

Mayor Eric Garcetti announced today the winners of the Great Streets Challenge Grant. This grant program will award up to \$20,000 to eight community-driven projects that re-imagine Los Angeles's iconic commercial corridors as public spaces reflective of each unique neighborhood and community...



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## Del Rey Well-Being Index



For the past year, the [Del Rey Neighborhood Council](#) has been conducting a comprehensive community survey aimed at measuring the quality of life and well-being of the community. The Del Rey Well-Being Index was developed to lay the foundation to create healthier communities...

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## Boyle Heights' First Large Scale Solar Project

LOS ANGELES-Honorable Councilmember Jose Huizar of the 14th District officially turned on the switch on a new 300 kilowatt (kW) photovoltaic (PV) system at the Angeles Grand Plaza, to celebrate energizing the first large scale...

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## 3rd Annual Veterans Economic Summit and 4th Annual Backpack Giveaway



Are you a U.S. veteran looking for a new job opportunity or resources for developing life skills? The Veterans Advocacy group of America invites all veterans to the 4rd Annual Economic Summit and Job Fair, taking place on Friday, August 7. The event will feature interview opportunities...

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## Upcoming Public Meetings on Sidewalk Vending

As the City continues to evaluate the best options for a comprehensive policy regarding street vendors in Los Angeles, the final two community meetings will be held in August to solicit community feedback....

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## Los Angeles City Ethics Commission

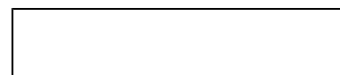


The President of the Ethics Commission has asked the staff to evaluate the limits and disclosure requirements that apply to political contributions made by non-individuals. Staff expects to make recommendations...

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## New logo for Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council

The Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council is looking for a brand new logo! Show us your fresh innovative, and creative



talents by submitting your own logo design...

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## Partnership between LADOT and El Pueblo Crosswalks



Partnerships are a key to making Los Angeles a great city to live in. [Watch](#) El Pueblo GM Chris Espinosa discusses partnership with LADOT to implement signalized crosswalks at the birth place of Los Angeles....

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